

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:	MATSUHISA et al.)	Group Art Unit:	1637
Serial No.:	10/588,597)	Examiner:	Babic, C. M.
Filed:	FEBRUARY 4, 2007)	Conf. No.:	9532
Atty. File No.:	5426FP-1)		
For:	METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID AND UTILIZATION THEREOF)	<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</u>	
)	<i>Submitted Via Electronic Filing</i>	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Advisory Action having a mailing date of May 22, 2009, concerning the response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of March 19, 2009, in which an amendment and response was filed on May 12, 2009. The amendments filed on May 12, 2009 were not entered by the Examiner. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and the fee. This amendment and response is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period to reply to the final Office Action. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970. Please enter the amendments as shown on the attached pages.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.